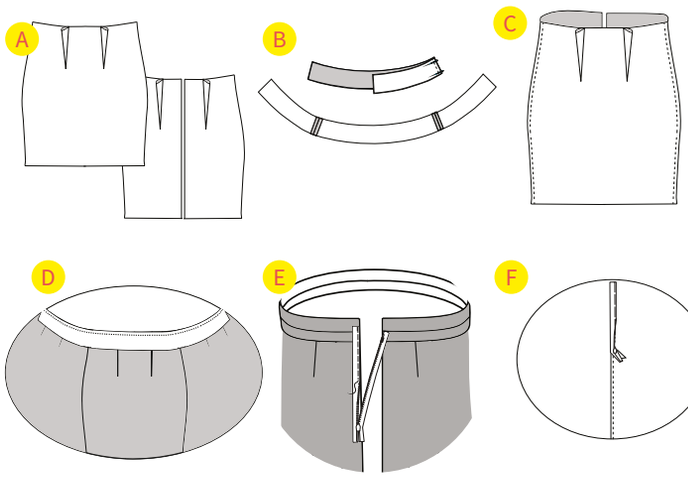
Thank the CORD

A pencil skirt is a great beginner pattern that can be revisited in more complicated fabric to boost your skills. We made ours in corduroy –why not follow our masterclass on page 92 and try this fun fabric yourself?

Project **CLAIRE GARSIDE**
Simple Sew Patterns

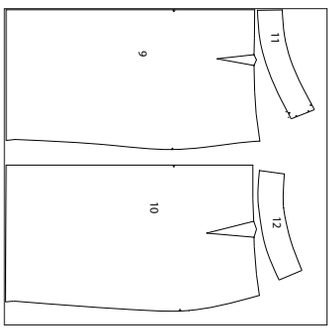
Shopping list

Hot Pink multicoloured baby corduroy, £8 per metre, **www.fabricsforall.co.uk**



LAYPLAN:

60"-wide fabric **FOLD**



Top tip!
Invest in an overlocker so your garments survive many machine washes and your seams are robust!

SIZING:

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS	WAIST	HIPS	SKIRT LENGTH FROM WAIST
8	28"	36"	21"
10	30"	38"	21"
12	32"	40"	21"
14	34"	42"	21"
16	36"	44"	21"
18	38"	46"	21"
20	40"	48"	21"

MATERIALS & TOOLS:

- **1.6m of 45"-wide or 1m of 60"-wide medium-weight fabric**
- **30cm fusible interfacing**
- **10" concealed zipper**
- **co-ordinating thread**
- **templates downloaded from www.lovesewingmag.co.uk**

NOTES:

Use a 1.5cm seam allowance unless otherwise instructed

HOW TO MAKE:

1 Sew the waist darts on the front and back pieces. Press towards sides. (See Pic A.)

2 Fuse interfacing to one set of waistband pieces. These will now be referred the facing pieces.

3 RST join front waistband with back waistbands at the side seams. Press seam open. Repeat for the waistband facing pieces. (See Pic B.)

4 Press up the lower raw edge by 1cm to the WS.

5 RST attach front skirt to back skirts at side seams. Press the seams open. You may need to use a tailor's ham to press smoothly at the hip area. (See Pic C.)

6 Attach the lower edge of the waistband RST with the upper edge of the skirt. Match seam lines and the centre front points. (See Pic D.) Clip the seam allowance and press upwards.

7 Pin the waistband facing to the waistband with RST and matching the seamlines. Sew then clip the seam allowance. Press the seam allowance towards the waistband.

8 Pin one side of the zip to the corresponding side of the skirt RST. The stopper should be positioned just below the waistband seam. The teeth should sit 1.5cm from the centre back edge. Sew in place with a zipper or invisible zipper foot. Repeat for the other side. (See Pic E.)

9 Flip waistband facing over to sit RST with the waistband sandwiching the zipper.

10 Sew along the zipper again through all the layers. Trim the top corners and turn back through to the RS.

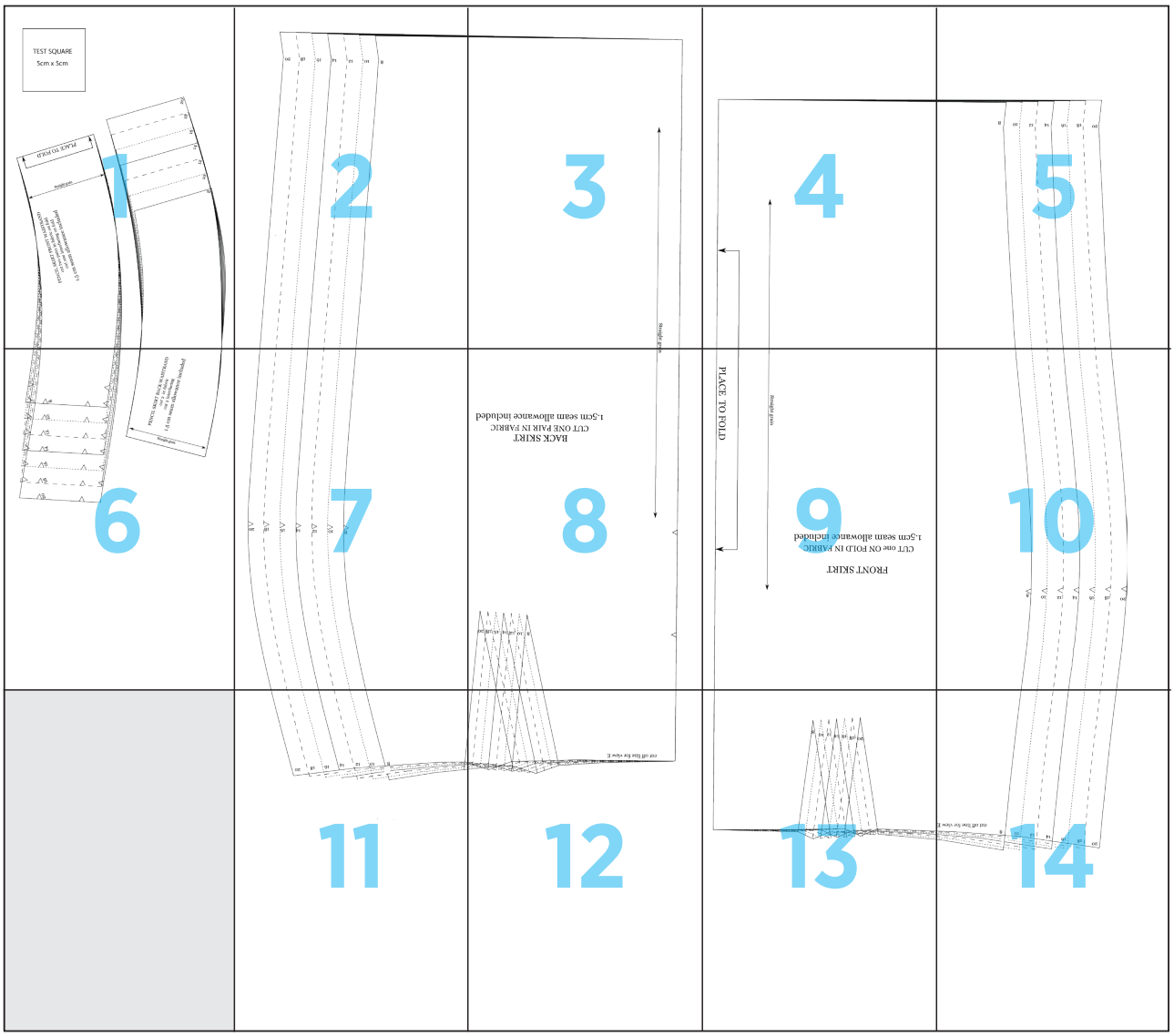
11 Arrange the waistband on the inside of your garment so the folded edge of the facing sits just over the waistband seamline. Pin in place.

12 On the RS of the garment sew along the seam line carefully, catching the facing as you sew. This is called stitching in the ditch.

13 Complete the centre back seam by sewing below the zipper to the hem with RST. Press open the seam allowance. (See Pic F.)

14 Turn up the skirt hem by 1cm, press and stitch in place to finish.

Thank the cord skirt



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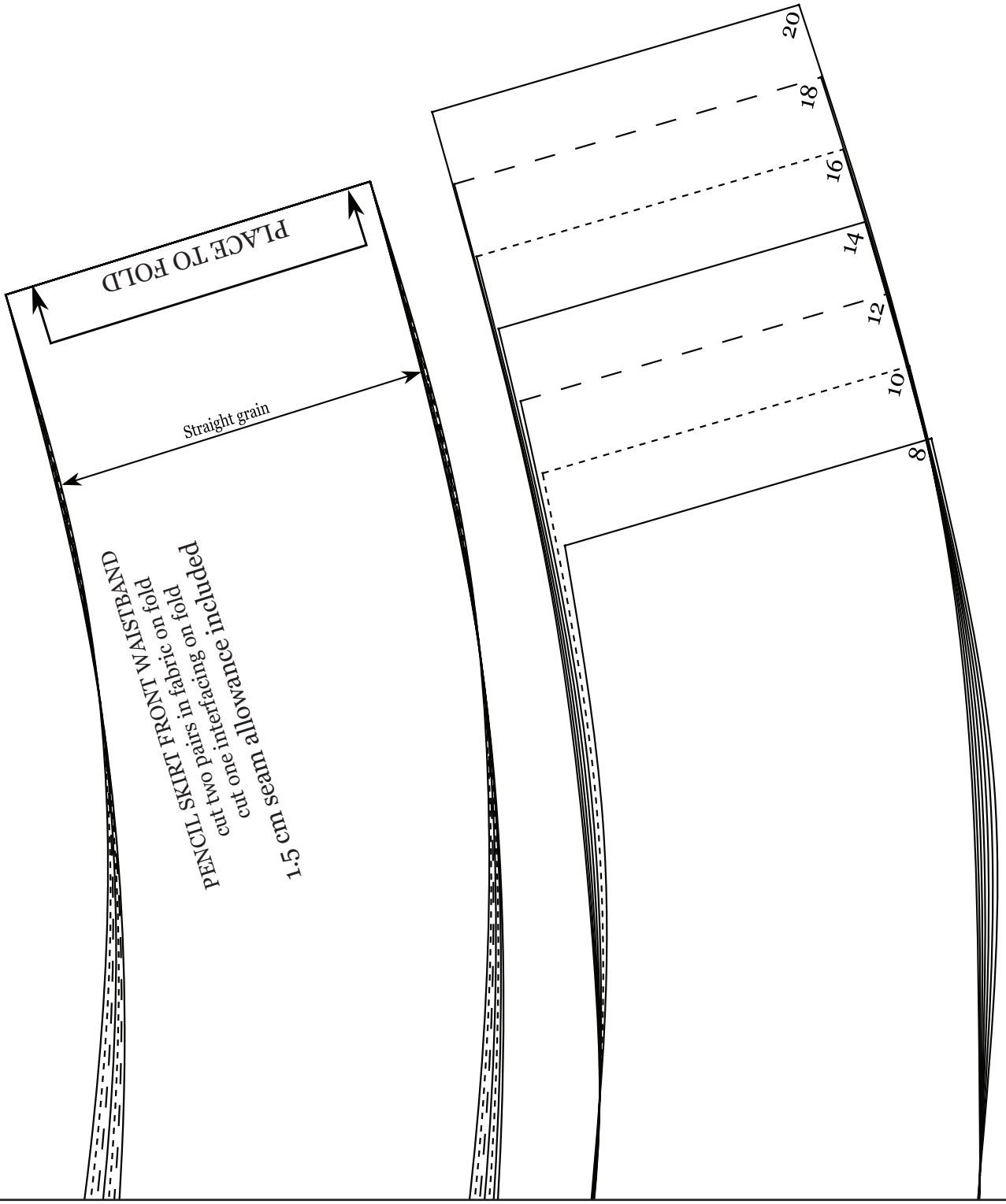

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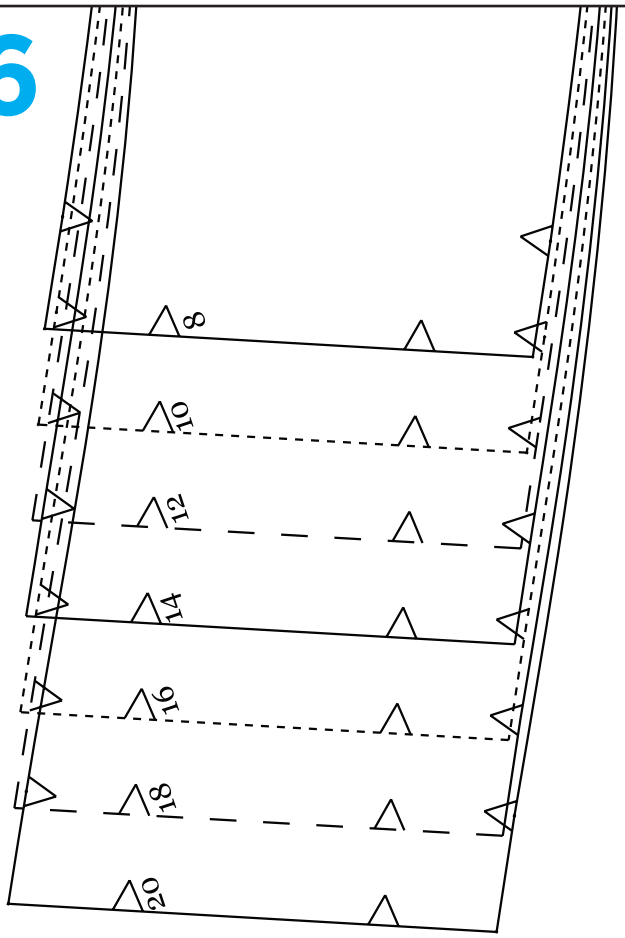
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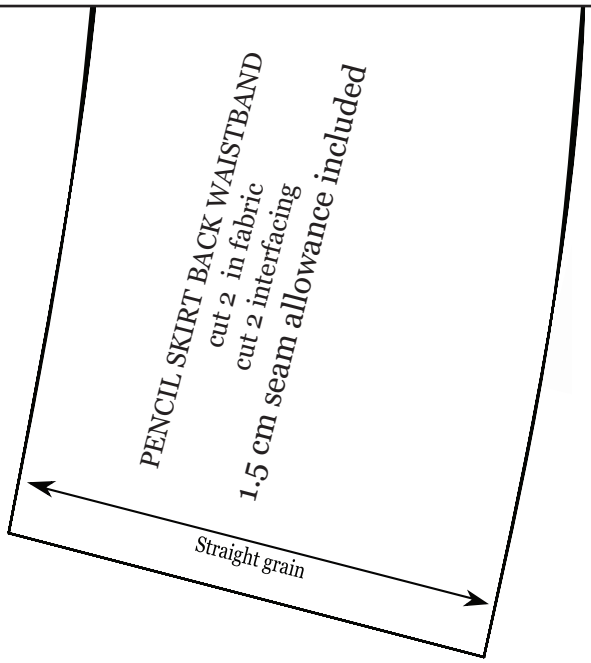
PENCIL SKIRT BACK WAISTBAND
cut 2 in fabric
cut 2 interfacing
1.5 cm seam allowance included
Straight grain

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BACK SKIRT

CUT ONE PAIR IN FABRIC

1.5cm seam allowance included

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PLACE TO FOLD

Straight grain

FRONT SKIRT

CUT one ON FOLD IN FABRIC

1.5cm seam allowance included

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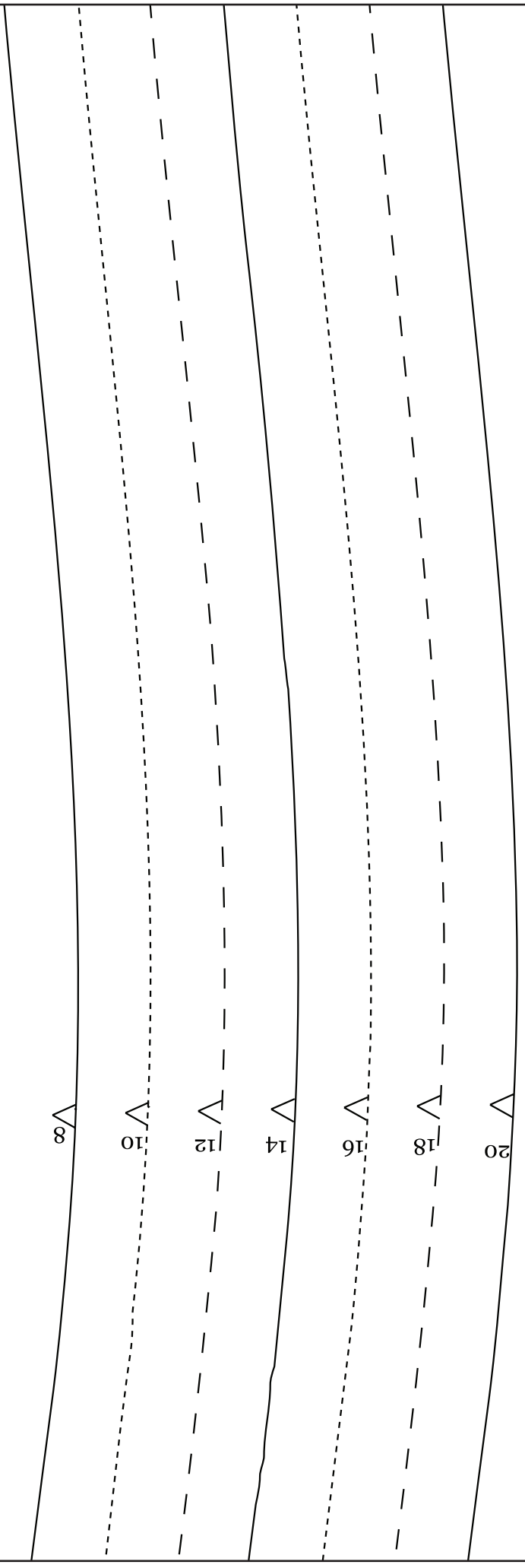

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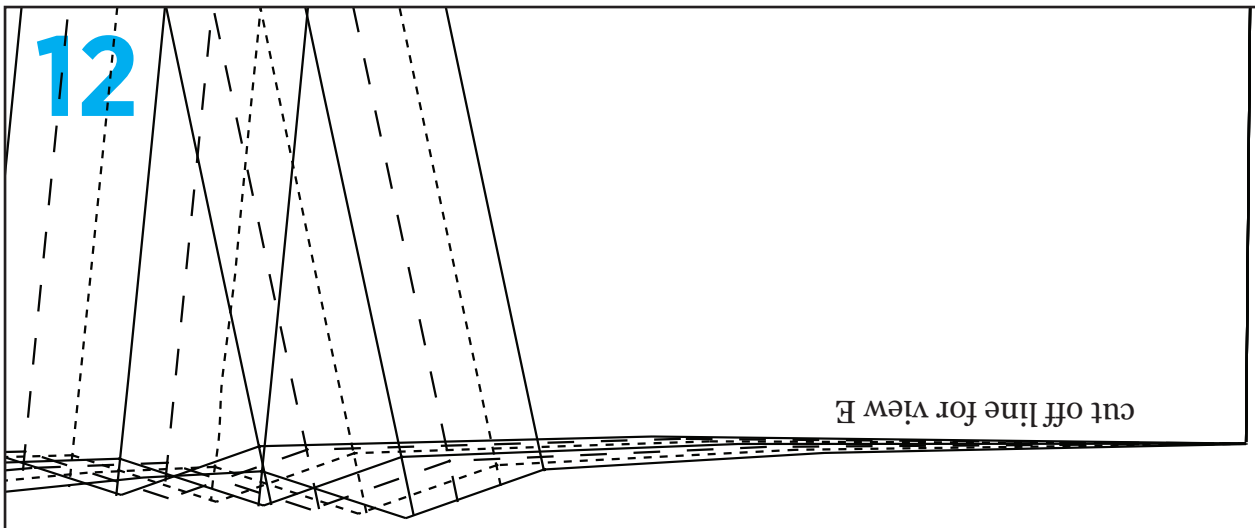
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